

## Flinn Foundation's Role

- Leading Arizona-based foundation focused primarily on improving the competitiveness of the state's biomedical research enterprise
- Convened the Arizona Biosciences Roadmap process in 2001 and continues to serve as a catalyst and convener for the Roadmap.
  - Through its facilitation of the *Roadmap's Scientific Platform Committees*, the need for a translational research pathway was identified back in 2004.
- Sponsored the Arizona Translational Research Pathway project in 2005-2006 with the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission.
  - Identified need for today's Retreat to raise the awareness of issues and harmonize & streamline approaches across Arizona's broad base of biomedical research and clinical organizations.



## **Arizona Biomedical Research Commission's Role**

- ABRC legacy -- Over \$100 million in grant funding to Arizona medical researchers and clinicians.
- ABRC future -- A new strategic led organization serving as a key link across the biomedical community in scientific and translational research to further biosciences development and a healthy Arizona.
  - A new focus in supporting multidisciplinary, collaborative projects within the core competency areas identified by Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap.
    - Examples of representative grants: Arizona Parkinson's Disease Center, Arizona Bio-Specimen Alliance and System for Collaborative Translational Research
  - Sponsored with Flinn Foundation, the Arizona Translational Research Pathway project in 2005-2006.
  - Supporting the implementation of the initiatives of the Pathway through AzTransNet.